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SUBJECT: NIGHT REACH - LANDING FEES AT CAIRO AIRPORT

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REF: CAIRO 838 (NOTAL)

1. AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GET THE EGYPTIANS TO WAIVE THESE FEES, OR REDUCE THEM TO A NOMINAL SUM, OR, AS A LAST RESORT, BILL US FOR ACTUAL SERVICES RENDERED.

2. OUR RATIONALE IS THAT OUR AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN MISSIONS WHICH THE UN ASKED US, ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS, TO PERFORM. WE BELIEVE THE PROMPT INSERTION OF THE UNEF INTO THE MIDDLE EAST--TO WHICH THESE AIRCRAFT CONTRIBUTED THE MAJOR SHARE--HAS BEEN A KEY FACTOR IN CONSOLIDATING THE PEACE FROM WHICH ALL OF US BENEFIT. IT SEEMS SOMEHOW INAPPROPRIATE TO US THAT THE USG, ALREADY FOOTING NEARLY 30 PERCENT OF THE UNEF COSTS, PLUS CONTRIBUTING NEARLY HALF AGAIN THAT SUM IN FREE AIRLIFT FOR MORE THAN HALF THE CONTINGENTS INSERTED, SHOULD BE EXPECTED ALSO TO PAY COMMERCIAL LANDING FEES FOR THESE UN MISSIONS.

3. WAIVING OR REDUCING THESE CHARGES WOULD COST THE EGYPTIANS LITTLE OR NOTHING, MOREOVER, SINCE THEY ARE MAINLY A BOOKKEEPING ENTRIES; OUR WILLINGNESS TO PAY FOR

ACTUAL SERVICES RENDERED WOULD ENSURE THAT THE COSTS TO EGYPT WOULD BE NIL.

4. FOR CAIRO: YOU SHOULD RAISE THIS MATTER URGENTLY WITH THE EGYPTIANS ALONG THE LINES OF PARAS. 1 AND 2 ABOVE AND REPORT YOUR RESULTS. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO KNOW, IN THIS RESPECT, IF THE EGYPTIANS HAVE SENT OR CONTEMPLATE SENDING SIMILAR BILLS TO THE BRITISH, THE CANADIANS, THE RUSSIANS, AND THE WEST GERMANS. FYI. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE ALSO THAT SINCE NIGHT REACH OPERATIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE BASIS, WE WOULD SEE NO ALTERNATIVE TO OUR ABSORBING THE COST OF LANDING FEES, ETC., IF THE EGYPTIANS ARE ADAMANT AND IF THEIR POLICY HAS BEEN CONSISTENT WITH REGARD TO THE OTHERS INVOLVED IN NON-REIMBURSABLE UNEF AIRLIFT OPERATIONS. END FYI.

5. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD ASK UN OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT OUR POSITION WITH THE EGYPTIANS ON THE SUBJECT OF LANDING  
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